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To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 8, 2003 9:02 PM
Subject: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

Dear FCC Commissioners and Chairman Powell,

cc: my members of Congress

I urge you to vote to protect the public interest by dropping the FCC's plans to end critical safeguards designed to ensure diversity of media ownership and to delay the unnecessarily rushed vote on media ownership scheduled for June 2nd.

Sincerely,
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From: David L. Calof
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 6:46 PM
Subject: Proposed media consolidation

Dear Ms. Abernathy,

The proposed media consolidation rule relaxation serves no interest other than corporate greed. It will reduce the marketplace of ideas and discourage community news gathering. This would occur at a time when the country is already struggling with how to allow for a diversity of opinion. It is a mistake and I hope you will oppose it.

I certainly miss the fairness doctrine. The present proposal seems an anathema to the spirit of this wise, but sadly abandoned policy.

Thank you for your consideration

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From: Stevan Alburty
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7 02 PM
Subject: Policy or fiat?

It has been reported that despite the overwhelming protest against the impending change in media ownership rules, the FCC is unmoved and will issue the changes regardless

It's obvious that you don't really care what the American public thinks. You're going to do what you want to do, which is exactly what the media conglomerates will also do once they have monopolistic control of the airwaves

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From: Liam Gibson
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7 04 PM
Subject: Please do not end the ban

FCC Commissioners,

American democracy has already been greatly compromised by the unfair influence of corporate entities. In your vote this coming Monday, please do your part to preserve the right of every citizen to a diverse and unbrased news media by maintaining the ban on ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations in a single market

Thank you,

Liam Gibson
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From: Jennifer Pratt
To: mpowell@fcc go
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:08 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Michael Powell and Whomever Else it May Concern,

I tried to post my comment about the upcoming ruling on Docket 02-277 on the FCC webpage, as requested on your phone message. However, the website did not respond. So I hope very much you will receive my comments through email.

I am very deeply concerned about your imminent decision on the deregulation of broadcast ownership. It looks as though you are about to decide to relax ownership caps, without having sought out or listened to public opinion on this matter. We need far more debate and publicity on a matter which will further empower individual corporations who already have more than their fair share of control over what messages the American people are exposed to in their daily lives of listening and watching mainstream media.

Please at LEAST consider delaying the date of this decision in favor of hearing more feedback from the American people, if you are not currently willing to leave the rules as they are.

Thank you for hearing this opinion.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Pratt

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From: Andrew H. Litkowiak
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7 08 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

To the Commissioners,

Dear Sirs and Madame,

I am not usually supportive of government restrictions on industry. I believe that in almost all cases, restrictions have a negative impact on growth, jobs and consumers

However, in the case of the current broadcast ownership rules, I find myself of the opposite opinion. It is my belief that if any changes are made in this area, they should be more restrictive, not less. The various mediums are the sole source of news and information for the citizens of our country. Any move to concentrate those mediums into fewer hands will serve to reduce the diversity of coverage and editorial slant

The strength of the press in this country is rooted in independence and the ability of the "consumer" to choose from among many sources. This choice forces the media outlets to strive for honesty and fairness in reporting. Any act that concentrates editorial control into the hands of fewer individuals is an act that promotes additional bias in the presentation of the news

We already have a situation in which a limited number of "Media Giants" control the vast majority of the news we read, view and listen to. To promote further concentration of this vast power, is in my opinion, a horrible mistake. It is a mistake that will haunt this nation for generations to come, should you choose to proceed

I would urge each of you to soundly and completely reject any measure aimed at reducing the current restrictions on the number of media outlets that can be owned by a single entity

Thank you

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From: I Merrill
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:08 PM
Subject: Regarding the proposed change of rules to be decided Monday...

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin & Adelstein:

I wish to let it be known to you all that I am vehemently against the proposed changes to current regulations which will be decided on Monday

I cannot stress enough my viewpoint that to allow a few media giants to control so much of everything - ESPECIALLY the news we get - would not only be a grave disservice to the American public, but would indeed be the death knell to our access to impartial, broad news coverage.

The irritation factor alone of having a network like Fox be allowed to proliferate in its coverage of the so-called "reality" shows is enough to make one run away screaming.

I urge you to consider the good of the American public - not the big-bucks media giants. And the good of the public will NOT be served by reducing our access to many sources for information as well as entertainment

Thank you

Very truly yours,

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From: mark schatzman
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:09 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

I'm an average person in an average town in Texas.

Please vote NO on Monday to giving big business all the communication business. I realize there's more to the issue than that and I'm well versed in it but I just wanted you to know yet another soul is against this idea.

Mark Schatzman
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From: mark schatzman
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:10 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

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From: Jeff LaGasse
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:10 PM
Subject: Please Don't Allow More Concentrated Media Ownership

Dear Mr. Powell,

Please don't listen to the big PAC money and change the rules regarding media ownership this coming week. It is so clear to the voters that you're acting in the best interest of BIG MEDIA, and they consider the airwaves to be a COMMODITY from which you make PROFIT. You are the guardian of a much more sacred public TRUST--our access to diverse sources of news, opinions, etc. Please DO THE RIGHT THING. At the very minimum don't ram this through so blatantly. Allow for a longer public comment period and you'll find out how the general public feel. Democracies are really supposed to be government of the people, by the people, for the people, aren't they???

Thanks for considering the interests of the people,

Sincerely,

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CC: Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy

From: Gabriel Blair
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7 10 PM
Subject: My airwaves and my best interests.

Dear Commisioner Abernathy,

I am writing to strongly urge you to delay the vote on broadcast ownership regulation reduction until sufficient opportunity has been provided for those who own the airwaves to voice their opinions. A decision that involves the public's best interest MUST involve the public

Sincerely,

Gabriel Blair
Hatboro, PA

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From: Meredith Morgan
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7 11 PM
Subject: media regulations

Members of the FCC

Media diversity is essential for American democracy. As the number of companies that control our media has drastically dropped in the last ten years, my access to information has become more limited. The New York Times owns the Boston Globe. My local newspaper is owned by a company in Texas. What does a Texas CEO care about my communities issues? I am frightened to see the control of information be concentrated in a few hands that can decide what I can know about the US and the world.

Please carefully consider your decision concerning how many media outlets one corporation can own. America is diverse. Let the media be also!

Meredith M. Morgan

From: Tyler Simonton
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:12 PM
Subject: Prevent Further Media Consolidation

Further consolidation of media outlets is a bad idea. The result of the proposed rule change will be reduced outlets. The possibility of censorship will increase in smaller markets as a few individuals (with left or right wing ideas) control the outlets and tailor the content.

This country, more than ever, needs a strong and free media

Sincerely,

Tyler Simonton
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From: Millie K. Lee
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:14 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

As a concerned citizen, I want to voice my opinion regarding the FCC's upcoming vote regarding the changes in the current media ownership consolidation that the agency is voting on this Monday, June 2

I AM AGAINST CHANGING THE CURRENT MEDIA OWNERSHIP RULES CURRENTLY IN PLACE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS

- 1) In my mind this takes away our freedom of speech and ideas in the number of opinions that would be expressed by the consolidation of media outlets. This homogenizes our news bureaus, and provides greater opportunity for "favored" opinions and information to be released by those with corporate power and money. Let's remember, we are a country built around democracy and consolidation of media outlets takes away from the many voices that need to be heard from around the country.
- 2) Taking away the opportunity for small business to run and manage stations takes away from the entrepreneurial spirit of ideas, and opinions. Big business never has a town's interest in mind; they focus only on the bottom line, thus providing consumers and citizens with sub par news that has little value to them in their own community.
- 3) Syndicating news to other markets doesn't provide the needed community information that each town needs. Every town and city has their own needs, and specific issues. How can a homogenized, consolidated news bureau service these city's individual needs?

We need diversity, not consolidation! I hope you'll vote against the changes

Cordially,

Millie K. Lee

From: al and sue hunter
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:14 PM
Subject: America's greatest treasure

Michael, Kathleen, and Kevin.

There is nothing more important that you could do in your tenure on the FCC than to vote against the recommendation to expand ownership of media and decrease diversity and increase cretinism in America.

Please, please, please, reconsider your public statements that make very little sense, if we are to dig ourselves out of the mediocrity in media that we have arrived at during the unfortunate past decades

The large corporations have catered to the lowest common denominator in their programming, and with respect to news have declined to give any coverage, analysis, or depth to virtually anything that they do. There is no taste in networks such as FOX who all should be required to relinquish their licenses because that offer nothing of social redemption. Surely you agree

We know not where our salvation will come from, but these companies have no track record of responsibility

There are faint hope on the radar. NPR gets better every day. Seaspn offers more and more quality breadth and depth. PBS has suddenly found courage and is striking out on their own bravely

If you just look at what cable and the satellite offer, you could only conclude that they have FAILED totally measured against all expectations

I do not mean to sound polemic, and I know that you are receiving many letters and e-mails. You have a responsibility, maybe even more grave than that of the president, as by turning back the clock you can help America move forward

It is a travesty to think that a newspaper owning a TV station in the same town will be a positive event, this is the opposite of free enterprise, but only a license to gouge obscene profits out of a defenceless public.

I urge you to promote a decentralization of media ownership immediately.

Thanks for reading this and consideration.

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From: R Marchese
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:19 PM
Subject: Too much influence

Dear Commissioner Abernathy

There is not enough diversity in the issuance of licenses for our broadcast spectrum

Too few entities influence far too much of our spectrum. I want our nation to regain its ability to be informed

The only way I found out about the impending hearing, to allow a corporation to control even more of what we hear, see and read, was through NPR

What else are we not being notified about?

We also need a History channel, a Science channel, a Traffic channel, etc

You can drive for hours and not learn anything

Our spectrum is not being used wisely It is, for the most part, a wasteland

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From: Ed Romig
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:20 PM
Subject: Consolidation of Media Ownership

Dear Commissioners,

I am a former broadcaster who has watched the tragic deterioration of a public resource into a greed/power-driven acquisition orgy. Your proposed rules changes regarding media ownership will result in less competition, more power and influence in the hands of those who already hold most power and influence, and further erosion of the public interest.

It is incomprehensible that the FCC would consider such changes to possibly be of benefit to the public. I urge you to listen to public comment, not just to the comment of the biggest wallets. Please reject any rule changes that result in further consolidation of media ownership.

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From: BLarkin651@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:25 PM
Subject: Monday's Vote

Please vote no on Monday to change the regulations on television licensing. The radio changes have amassed radio station ownership in the hands of just a few large corporations serving the needs of a few while stifling individual voices. It also has led to a large propaganda network, where voices of dissent or opposing opinions can be literally "cutoff ". It staggers the imagination what several large corporation owning most of what is seen and heard in this country could do for personal and political freedom. Once this is done it will be impossible to undo! It is scary to think that 3 yes votes on what is seemingly a quiet little commission could do to the United States of America.
Please vote no

From: ,D
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7 29 PM
Subject: The new FCC rules. .

Please do not open the market to big business!!! I understand your concerns but must ask you to consider the needs of smaller suppliers of information. Isn't it sad enough that almost every major paper and news source relies on eachother completely for information? Must the torrent of copycat information be expanded? Instead of making a market where it is impossible for smaller news sources to compete, make the competition more fair

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From: paulcondylis
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:31 PM
Subject: loosening media ownership restrictions

I've heard arguments on both sides of the controversy over loosening media ownership restrictions. Keeping up with the times is surrendering to fashion and trends whether they are right or not. The argument that we already have lots of diversity among the media is a simplistic distortion. More radio and TV stations does not mean diversity, if more outlets are owned by fewer monolithic corporations. It only means out-of-control duplication of fewer voices. I am a 50 year veteran of TV and radio, having observed the changes and growth. Some of it has been good, some certainly not.

Please do not yield to the enormous, highly financed pressure to give in to this tremendous disregard for independent voices. Listen to your heart and your highest sense of justice. You know this proposed loosening of media ownership restrictions is wrong. The FCC used to be admired for its protection of the public interest. You can't be proud of a complete reversal in protecting corporate interest first. The public needs its own government's agency to watch out for us. If you resist this "loosening", the sky will not fall, big business will not crumble. Freedom and democracy will be served.

There is a lot of intelligent, well-informed resistance to this movement. Please listen. Think! Please fight this.

Paul Condylis

From: Sean MacDonald
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:33 PM
Subject: June 2nd vote

Pease delay the June 2nd vote to allow for more time for public input and debate I oppose any proposal to loosen the rules on media concentration and ownership.

Sincerely, Carol MacDonald

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From: Jim Grantham
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:34 PM
Subject: FCC regulations

Dear commissioner,

DO NOT ok this bill that allows big media to take bigger pieces of the pie. It is NOT american, or fair to diversity of opinion. If you allow this to happen, you have shown your true colors as a bought and paid for lackey

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Bright Moments,

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From: Gidian Melik
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:34 PM
Subject: deregulation

Dear Ms. Abernathy

I strongly urge you to postpone Monday's vote on deregulating the media. The outcry from such varied organizations as the NRA, the Family Research Council and women's groups should be a hint that debate is needed. The public should not be kept in the dark about the ramifications of the proposed changes. That the public is being kept in the dark is another hint that a small group of individuals - the FCC - is attempting to steamroll democracy.

Sincerely,

Gidian Melik

From: Andrew Zamore Worldwide
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:37 PM
Subject: Don't Change the Rules

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

I am outraged that the FCC is considering changing the rules governing media ownership

I don't want fewer owners controlling more outlets

I truly believe that the rules change you are considering would result in a concentration

of ownership that will ultimately be very destructive

Sincerely,

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From: Jason Wehling
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:38 PM
Subject: Democracy desperately needs a heterogeneous press

To the FCC Commissioners.

I agree with William Safire, Ted Turner, and many others that further media consolidation hinders our democracy. I urge you to vote against further eroding the regulation of media ownership. Economics is just one component of Public Interest. Democracy can't survive without a rigorous marketplace of free ideas. Please help save our democracy instead of voting to destroy it.

Thank you for your time,

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